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Carter filling No. 2 CIA job

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PLAINS, Ga. — President Carter announced yesterday he will nominate Frank Carlucci, a strong-willed diplomat who once successfully opposed Henry Kissinger on a policy matter, as No. 2 man at the CIA.

Sources said the appointment was designed as a morale boost for the spy agency, whose members have been depressed at personnel cuts in its clandestine operations and other policy changes since Carter took office.

The President also said he will soon sign an executive order providing a clearer definition of functions within the intelligence community. He gave no details, but the move is expected to put tighter restrictions on Defense Department intelligence.

Carlucci, 47, is a career diplomat, whose foreign service began in 1956 and he has served as US ambassador to Portugal since January 1975. Before that, he held major jobs under Richard Nixon at the budget office, Department of Health, Education and Welfare and Office of Economic Opportunity.

In 1975 Carlucci won a battle with Secretary of State Kissinger of US policy in Portugal. Kissinger was ready to write off the government as it moved

toward communism, but Carlucci argued correctly that any left-wing government would split of its own accord.

In another development, sources said Turner will remove William W. Wells as depity director for operations. It was Wells who sent out notices of the mass removal of 212 clandestine employees.

Since taking over the CIA early this year, Turner has kept his rank as admiral, brought in his own personal Navy staff, and even given his son, Navy Lt. Geoffrey W. Turner, a job at headquarters for four months.

Sources said Turner's actions have so demoralized the agency that long-time employees are discussing their fears about the CIA's future with reporters — a step they would not usually take

Carlicci's appointment would be designed to counter that depression, and one report said he insisted on access to intelligence evaluations now sent only to Turrer — and that Turner could not oppose a man recommended by the White House.

Another report, however, said Turner and Carlucci met with Carter and the admiral indicated his opposition to the appointment.